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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Motoshi KISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3724

Application No.: 09/661,778

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAKING LABELS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 17, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 3, they being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. All pending claims are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below.

II. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,341,548 to Hirahata et al. (Hirahata). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hirahata is disqualified as prior art as this application and Hirahata were, at the time the invention of this application was made, either owned by or under obligation of assignment